

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Firm Action Needed

SOONER or later a leading member of the Government had to say or do something to bring the British nation face to face with the unpleasant fact that in the sphere of exports recent achievements had been below the level required to justify the confidence which the political leaders had helped to spread throughout the country. In fact, for some time past there has been cause for some concern, partly because while world commodity prices have been falling, British production costs and, hence, export prices have been rising, and this could prove disastrous at a time of growing competition in world markets. This, in effect, is what Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, stated in London the other day when he warned the country that Britain was "at a moment of great peril in the export field." But while he emphasised that "it is clearly in the national interest to slow or stop the upward curve of prices," he did not suggest how this was going to be done. The nation is surely entitled to look to the Government for a lead, but to date there is no indication that it is prepared to give one.

WHAT, for example, has happened to the policy of wage restraint which met with some success when it was launched by the Labour Government? It lately seems to have "gone by the board." This is probably appreciated by every Conservative politician, but the signs are that they all seem afraid to risk possible political unpopularity by mentioning it. To be fair, however, it must also be mentioned that the policy of dividend restraint also appears to have "gone by the board," although the adverse effect on the country's economy of increased dividends, which have been justified on all counts save the national interest, has, of course, been infinitesimal compared with that of increased wages. Nevertheless, there seems no likelihood of restraint in one direction without restraint in the other. At the moment there is no effective restraint in either. What is needed is for party political considerations to be put to one side until the "great moment of peril" has passed and Britain's economic situation has been completely stabilised.

MOVE TO RESOLVE THE DISARMAMENT DEADLOCK

War Office Reports On "Strange Object" Being Sighted Over England

London, Nov. 18. Britain's cautious War Office tonight released a brief report that a "strange object" seen passing over the county of Kent on November 3 was tracked by Army radar. This is the first time an official report has been made in this country on what is commonly referred to as "flying saucers."

What was it? The experts say it could not have been a plane. It could not have been a meteorite.

The mystery object was separately reported from two reliable sources. The first report came from RAF flying officers T. B. Johnson and C. Smythe. From a Vampire jet at 20,000 feet they saw an object much higher than they estimated at 60,000 feet — pass over at tremendous speed. It was circular. It was emitting or reflecting a fierce light.

No sooner had the fliers reported to the RAF than it was learned that the War Office had a report from a Territorial Army unit testing a radar set in southeast London.

It was also officially disclosed that there had been reports of three more radar trackings of strange objects between September 14 and 22. Was it a balloon? No cosmic ray balloon capable of reaching the height suggested by the reports on the strange object had been released in Britain for the past three months.

Some other research centre in Europe might be using giant balloons. — London Express Service.

Death Sentence On 16-Year-Old Boy

Singapore, Nov. 18. A 16-year-old schoolboy, formerly a hospital inmate under mental observation, was sentenced to death in Singapore yesterday for the meat chopper killing of his stepmother's maidservant.

Gan Eng Lock, lock-maker younger than his 16 years, showed no signs of emotion as Justice M. Taylor passed sentence. The silence of the courtroom was broken only by the uncontrollable sobbing of his stepmother when the youth was led away.

The murder took place in Gan's house on August 30, 1952. While members of the household were out, Gan then 15, took a meat chopper and left the house with \$70 in cash and two pieces of his stepmother's jewellery.

During the trial, Dr J. A. Tassie, medical officer at Woodbridge Hospital, said Gan had been under observation during the past year and suffered from schizophrenia or split personality. Dr Tassie said the boy was in a "twilight state" when he was examined.

He then explained that a "twilight state" person was one who acted automatically and was not always aware of his actions.

The convicted youth testified that he remembered nothing about the murder. He said he remembered playing badminton the morning of the slaying and nothing more until he awoke in Woodbridge Hospital, where he was being examined.

Mr S.H.D. Elias, defence counsel, said he would appeal against the verdict.

under which Gan had been convicted should be amended by the legislature. He added that Gan at the time of the killing was under 16, the age when an accused person is liable to capital punishment for murder.

The present law provides that the age of a defendant at the time of his trial rather than his age at the time of the offence is the controlling factor.

The defence contended during the trial that Gan was insane at the time of the crime, suffering from schizophrenia. — United Press.

PROFESSOR SUSPENDED

Boston, Nov. 18. Boston University today suspended Professor Maurice Halperin, who was identified as a former member of a Soviet spy ring in a Federal Bureau of Investigation report read to a Congressional Committee yesterday.

The University's decision reversed a previous ruling retaining Professor Halperin, 47, head of the school's Latin American studies department, headed down after he had refused to answer questions before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, testifying before the same Committee, named Professor Halperin as one of those who "were participants in this (spy) operation, or were utilised by principals in this ring for the purpose of obtaining data in which the Soviet is interested." — Reuter.

INDIAN SLAIN IN NAIROBI

Nairobi, Nov. 18. Purn Singh, a well-known Asian building contractor, was shot dead today by two Africans on a building site in one of Nairobi's African localities.

He was talking with his supervisor when two Africans, each armed with an automatic pistol, approached and the two men at close range, killing him instantaneously. They then escaped.

The contractor's firm had recently been seeking work for a new building around African localities. — France-Press.

Pearl Harbour, Nov. 18. The 14th Naval District said today that it had received a radio message from the pilot of a Catalina flying boat indicating that he would have to ditch his plane off Midway.

The Public Information Office said the pilot of the two-engine Catalina flying boat said he was running out of fuel on a flight to Midway from Adak in the Aleutians. — United Press.

UN Adopts A Resolution RED GROUP ABSTAINS FROM VOTING

New York, Nov. 18. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today approved by 54-0 resolution sponsored by Britain, France, the United States and 11 other powers to solve the long-deadlocked disarmament question.

The Soviet group of five and Burma abstained. Burma said it did not participate in the vote because it had not been possible to obtain unanimity for the resolution.

The resolution asked the Disarmament Commission to continue its efforts to reach agreement and suggested that the Commission study the establishment of a sub-committee consisting of representatives of the powers principally involved — in other words, the Great Powers — which would meet privately and report back.

An Indian proposal that the sub-committee should meet in the different countries most concerned with the problem was approved.

The resolution requests the Disarmament Commission to continue trying to reach agreement on disarmament, taking into consideration the proposals made during the present Assembly meeting. This paragraph also calls on the Commission to report again to the General Assembly and to the Security Council not later than September 1, 1954.

A Soviet attempt to replace this paragraph was defeated. It would have called on the Commission to submit to the Security Council by March 1 proposals "providing, in the first case, for a substantial reduction in the armaments of the five powers — the United States, Britain, France, Communist China and the Soviet Union."

It would have also called for the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction "together with the simultaneous establishment of strict international control over the observance of that prohibition."

Only the five Communist nations voted in favour of the Soviet amendment, 30 other nations voted against it and seven abstained.

REASON FOR Dr Wang's Dismissal

Taipei, Nov. 19. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has dismissed one of his chief foreign policy advisers, Dr Wang Shih-chieh, as a direct result of a Hongkong law suit.

Dr Wang, who was Secretary-General to General Chiang, has been replaced by Mr Hsu Chih-chih, an announcement said.

Dr Wang was said to have been dismissed because of his failure to keep General Chiang informed of the results of the law suit of American General Claire Chennault's company, Civil Air Transport Incorporated, against members of the former Nationalist Chinese Central Air Transport Corporation, who deserted to the Communists in 1950.

A legal battle raged for two and a half years while the American company sought custody of 40 aircraft grounded in the mainland in Hongkong. They claimed they bought the planes from the Nationalist Government in 1949.

The Hongkong Supreme Court said the planes had become the property of the succeeding Communist regime in China, the American company won an appeal to the London Privy Council in July, 1952. — Reuter.

Six Communists Banned

Georgetown, Nov. 18. Guyana, Sir Alfred Savage, tonight banned six Communists from taking part in any political activities.

Among them are the Head of the Colonial Office of the World Trade Union, Ferdinand Smith, and the secretary of the London section of the Caribbean Labour Congress, Billy Strachan. — France-Press.

Royal Liner Skipper



Seen aboard the *Goat* at her berth in King George V Dock, London is Commander David Aitken from Dumfries, Essex, Captain of the ship, which left for Jamaica on November 18. The ship will be captained by H.M. the Queen and H.M. the Duke of Edinburgh, when the liner picks them up at Jamaica, after they have flown there on the first stage of their journey. — London Express.

Woman Accused Of Vengeance Murder

Paris, Nov. 18. What the prosecution described as a case of planned vengeance was heard at the Seine Assizes today when an attractive Parisienne, Pauline Dubuisson, faced the court on a charge of murdering her lover, a young medical student, Felix Bailly.

The case had been held over for a long period after the accused had attempted to commit suicide in her cell. She was nursed to recovery and this was her first appearance in the court.

The prosecutor remarked: "You have often failed at suicide. You seem to have only succeeded at killing."

The trial, which is arousing enormous interest throughout France, is expected to go on for three days. — France-Press.

Mlle. Dubuisson's original defence was that she had planned to kill herself but that Felix stopped her and the gun went off accidentally, killing him.

AN ADMISSION

As the trial opened today, the prosecution accused Mlle. Dubuisson of having had sexual relations with German sailors during the occupation and of having been the mistress of a German doctor, a colonel in the German army. This, accused admitted, was true.

She also admitted having had sexual relations with other individuals after meeting Felix Bailly.

Ten days before the crime, she testified that she had intimate relations with Bailly, although she knew he was engaged to be married to another woman.

She told the court that she went to Bailly's flat, hoping for a reconciliation, but she intended to "bring the cup of us to face death" if she did not succeed. She maintained, however, that the death of Bailly was an accident and "was not premeditated."

In court, she was vague as to the details of the shooting. She said she did not remember how the shots had been fired but she admitted having tried to commit suicide with a gas tube.

Drummond Murder: New Twist

Digne, France, Nov. 18. The 15-month-old Drummond murder case took another dramatic twist today when members of the Dominici family suddenly retracted their statements which had implicated 76-year-old Gaston Dominici, now in prison.

The aged farmer had confessed to killing the British millionaire, Sir Jack Drummond, his wife, Lady Anne, and their ten-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, in August, 1952, near the Dominici's Grand Trianon farm at Lurs.

Examining magistrate, M. Roger Forrie, revealed, however, that Gaston Dominici, despite the retraction of statements by his family putting the guilt on him, had not withdrawn his confession which he made three days ago.

Gustavo Dominici, son of Gaston, now claims that his father only admitted to being the killer after being beaten up by the police and questioned for hours on end.

Yvette Dominici, wife of Gustavo, claims that her husband was "drugged" when he got back to the farm after being questioned by the police. There was a strong smell of chloroform, she asserted. — France-Press.

Cautiously Interested

Panmunjom, Nov. 19. The United Nations indicated a cautious interest today in a Communist proposal to send Russia and Asian neutrals to the Korean peace conference as non-voting members.

The United Nations envoy, Mr. Arthur Dean, will meet Communist diplomats to press for answers to United Nations questions designed to determine whether the proposal was an abandonment of their original "round table" demands. There was no immediate indication whether Mr. Dean regarded the new Communist plan as a solid basis for a compromise on their demand for neutral representation.

Informed sources said Mr. Dean wished to clear up three points of the new Communist proposal, the most important of which was the question of neutrals voting at the delayed conference. Mr. Dean also desired to determine the firmness of Communist insistence upon Russia as a neutral and why the Reds favoured only Asian neutrals other than the Soviet Union for conference attendance.

Meanwhile, the government of South Korea announced that it had no particular objection to Mr. Dean's compromise proposal, already categorically rejected by the Communists. There was no comment on the Communist counter-proposal. — United Press.

How not to give a Tennis Party

Bad hosts are born and not made; not everyone can make a failure of a tennis party. Nevertheless there are certain observances which may be relied upon to reduce the chances of success.



For instance, do not roll the court before the guests arrive. Let them do it themselves while you maintain a flow of good-humoured banter.



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ITALIANS WANT PLEBISCITE

But No Definite Proposals Made For Trieste Solution



Arriving at the Treasury in London are Hermann Wollers, Heinrich Fischer, Hans Speidel and Arthur Straeter, economic experts of the Bonn Government, for deliberations. They are in London for a fortnight as guests of the Foreign Office. (Express photo).

Washington Denies Bid For Air Bases In Pakistan

Washington, Nov. 18. Official sources in Karachi today categorically denied that Pakistan had offered bases to the United States in return for assistance, and President Eisenhower at his press conference threw cold water on reports which had implied the establishment of American strategic air bases in Pakistan.

Reports have been given wide circulation since the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru, expressed his concern over any Pakistani-American bases agreement.

Today, President Eisenhower did not deny or confirm the reports. He merely stated the fact that American foreign policy was intended to develop friendly relations among neighbouring countries everywhere. This was a direct reference to India's expressed concern over the presence of American bases being established in Pakistan.

Mr Dulles, on Tuesday, said that no negotiations on military arrangements between Pakistan and America were in process, but that the possibility of such talks in the future was not excluded.

President Eisenhower characterized his own attitude when he said that the United States must be careful not to do anything that would cause distress and agitation in India, Pakistan's neighbour.

Thus, it is believed, the President took a stand in a controversy that is now taking place between diplomatic and military experts of the American government on the question of the establishment of strategic bases in Pakistan. Reliable reports last state that some top American military personalities are strongly urging an agreement with Pakistan.

The main justification advanced is the availability to the Strategic Command of bases from which industrial centres established in the Asiatic part of the Soviet Union could be reached in case of war.

American diplomatic experts are against military talks with Pakistan at this time. They advance reasons of global policy and, particularly, the necessity of avoiding an unfavourable reaction from India. This would be detrimental to present efforts to solve the Korean problem and, eventually, other Far Eastern causes of world tension, like the Indo-China war.

India's role in such a vital endeavour is of the utmost importance, President Eisenhower said.

But the paper said these were the worries of the American people. The world, however, wanted to know whether in future the United States would be able to conduct a genuine active foreign policy.

Prime Minister In Favour Of Settlement Within NATO Framework

Rome, Nov. 18. The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Giuseppe Pella, announced tonight that his Government still considers a plebiscite the best solution for the Trieste issue.

Signor Pella told the Lower House of the Italian Parliament that any five-power conference on the Trieste problem must "seek a solution for the whole Trieste territory and not just Zone 'A'" and accept the Anglo-American decision to hand over Zone 'A' to Italy.

He said that before any five-power conference is held, "proper precautions" must be taken against the risks that might arise from its possible failure.

Signor Pella announced that the Anglo-American authorities in Trieste were carrying out an inquiry into the clashes of two weeks ago in which six Italians were killed.

The Italian authorities on the spot were also investigating the circumstances in which police, under British control, opened fire on students demonstrating against the confiscation of an Italian flag flying from the town hall.

As soon as the inquiries had definitely established responsibility, the Italian Government would "demand action corresponding with an efficient sense of justice."

The Prime Minister said the Government would shortly introduce a Bill to the Italian Parliament granting widows and children or the parents of those killed and wounded in Trieste the same pensions as are granted to Italian war widows and orphans.

The Government had formally asked the Anglo-American authorities in Trieste to reimburse immediately the charges against about 80 people arrested in Trieste immediately after the riot, at sala.

This was a "dual act of solidarity" which the Government would not fail to pursue, he said.

NOTHING DEFINITE

Giuseppe Pella said that no definite proposals had yet been formulated on the Trieste question.

"We are still in the stage of making soundings," he said. The Prime Minister declared that the Anglo-American decision to hand over Zone 'A' to Italy had marked a "decisive improvement" in the human position, but that Yugoslav troops of armed intervention had created a situation "now under consideration" by the governments concerned.

Only Held Up For Lack Of Funds!

Sydney, Nov. 18. Australian pearling fleets cannot fully exploit the shellfish in the new underwater territory called the "Continental Shelf" claimed by Australia on September 11.

There are not enough modern luggers and the industry needs big capital investment, according to local experts.

"We can get the labour and we can build the boats. There is nothing to prevent advance except lack of capital."

Production potential of the Australian pearling fleet of 31 luggers operating in the Australia and Timor Seas is only about 600 tons.

A Japanese pearling fleet of 25 luggers and a mother-ship moved into Australian waters early this season and its capacity proved enormous by local standards.

The Japanese fleet will return home with 1,250 tons of pearls—twice the amount Australia can recover in the same period.

seems to have backed the State Department's views, rather than the Pentagon position, France-Press.

Japanese luggers are more modern than the Australian, and operate with five divers, compared to two on local ships.

Since the war, the Australian Thursday Island fleet, now 24 vessels, has been able to operate with luggers that in some instances are not suitable for the work simply because the long wartime spell enabled shell recovery to build up in shallow waters, easily within reach.

These reserves are being fished out, and again the luggers will have to operate in deeper and more exposed waters where the modern Japanese craft have a decided advantage.

Australian Commerce Minister John McEwen said recently that the decision to proclaim sovereignty over the Continental Shelf was made with a view to conserve pearl-shell in the area.

It has never been any suggestion by implication of excluding the Japanese from waters north of Australia, McEwen said, implying that Japanese pearls may be licensed at some future date to operate in the local "proclaimed area" under surveillance by the United States.

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Reuter.

The Three Power suggestion also asks Jordan to take steps to prevent illegal infiltration over the border.—*France-Press*.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Hirtus, 4 Todd, Anecdote, 6 Maple, 9 Tomtom, 11 Elderly, 13 Intrude, 15 Arcane, 18 Spent, 19 Ransacks, 20 Dodge, 21 Deary. **Down:** 1 Hirt, 2 Tact, 3 Stormed, 4 Teemed, 5 Disperse, 6 Remedy, 10 Muttered, 12 Insured, 13 Issued, 14 Untrue, 16 Drake, 17 Teary.

The Governor General, who is on a private tour, arrived in Britain from New York yesterday.—China Mail Special.

Le Monde said the French Government has used expedients to mock the urgency of France's military situation in Indo-China and the European Army.

This paper referred to the "sorry spectacle" of Prime Minister Joseph Laniel, of the Radical party, as an impotent French Government, after the "consultative" election

new," Le Monde said.

The paper added that Frenchmen have now been treated by a "terrible" opposition.

Laniel was being summoned to Bermuda to explain himself, just as France summoned Emperor "Bad Dai" to explain his Government's actions.

The paper said the discrepancy between its own aims and those of its public opinion.—Reuter.

a terrible comparison. M. Laniel was being summoned to Bermuda to explain himself just as France summoned Emperor Meiji to the conference over the "Open Port" discrepancy between its own aims and those of its public opinion.—Reuter.

arrested on the charge of publishing "objectionable" matter in pamphlets issued by the Communist Party in connection with their election manifesto — *France-Press.*

LOVES of Carmen
NOT THE OPERA

ENGLAND'S WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION NO OCCASION FOR REJOICING

Need For Matthews And Finney

By DENNIS HART

Ireland will be one of Great Britain's two representatives in the Cup series in Switzerland next year. Victories over Wales in an earlier match and Ireland have put them in an unassailable position. Before we know who will accompany England we must wait until the end of March when Wales play Ireland, and the beginning of April, when Scotland play England.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN THAILAND

Singapore, Nov. 18.

Two Federation of Malaya basketball teams left by air last night for Bangkok to participate in the international tournament organised by the Thai Government.

Two Singapore teams will leave on Friday. It is understood that teams from Hongkong, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Formosa, and Indo-China will also participate in the contest. All profits from these games will go to charities in Thailand. All expenses are being met by the Thai Government. — United Press.

HONGKONG DEFEATED

Taipei, Nov. 18. The Philippine Overseas Chinese Basketball team defeated the Hongkong team 51-48 last night in the second round of the round robin contest of the Presidential Cup tournament. — France-Press.

INDO-CHINA TEAM

The Overseas Chinese basketball team from Indo-China arrived by air yesterday from Taipei by CAT to play a series of matches against local rivals. The team are on their way back from participation in the Anniversary Basketball Tournament held in Taiwan recently.

With three points from two matches, the Scots are favourites to make the Swiss trip. But if Wales beat Ireland they can equal Scotland's present total of points, so that if the Scots get a victory by England in the final match, they may keep their place in the World Cup.

FAIR FROM IT

One might think that with two points from two matches, the Scots are favourites to make the Swiss trip. But if Wales beat Ireland they can equal Scotland's present total of points, so that if the Scots get a victory by England in the final match, they may keep their place in the World Cup.

On their form in these two matches, England are unlikely to progress any further in the World Cup than they did in South America four years ago. Only Matthews of the forwards have been seen this season in the World Cup class. And only the 22-year-old Stanley Matthews made possible victory over Ireland.

Even though this is written in advance of the event, it is easy to forecast changes being made in the team to play Hungary from that which beat Ireland. The Hungarians, so it has been said, will be the best continental side to beat England on home soil. From what we have seen of England this year, the danger must be very real.

England's decline must, I think be put down to the lack of construction at inside-forward. The scheming type of player like Munnion, Carter or Hagan, capable of collecting stray passes in midfield and setting up attacks is no longer to be found.

Instead, the emphasis is on quick-moving hard-charging players who are virtually centre-forwards but playing in the inside-forward positions.

ONLY ONE

I venture to say that only one man in England at the moment is worth consideration as a world class inside-forward. He is Tom Finney the Preston winger and England's nearest approach to Stanley Matthews.

I have been his career as an inside-forward and although all his best years for England have been confined to the wing, his football skill is such that he could gain equal distinction as an inside man.

Indeed he is remembered for one great display in this position, three years ago, in an International match against Scotland.

Injury robbed England of their regular inside forward and Finney was called upon to fill the breach.

In one of the most brilliant displays ever seen in the Wembley Stadium he nearly snatched sensational victory for England's depleted XI. The home selectors have been big enough this season to admit they were wrong in dropping Stanley Matthews. Let them admit now that Finney is not employing his talent to the fullest advantage on the wing and England will be well on the way to distinguishing themselves in the World Cup series.

Matthews and Finney are the names which all foreign footballers fear. With both of them in the same forward England would be a goal to the good, psychologically at any rate, before their game started. — (London Express Service)

STEWART GRANGER talks of— THE WASTED YEARS OF MY WIFE

STEWART GRANGER told me the other night the story of the three wasted Hollywood years of his wife Jean Simmons. He spoke quietly and with deep sincerity.

"Jean couldn't come with me because she is sitting out her contract until January 6," he said. "It broke her heart — and mine — not being able to come home."

"That contract with a Hollywood studio... It has helped waste her three years in Hollywood. And what parts she has had! Well!"

I can hardly remember the names," said Granger.

"Then came an offer from another studio to play the princess in 'Roman Holiday.' A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Jean asked for it. The film was delayed for her."

"But her own bosses said 'No.' They couldn't release her," they said. Audrey Hepburn got the break — and the rest is film history."

One girl looked on

Except this — and Granger told the story for the first time. Jean went to see the film and watched another young girl playing HER part.

"Jean sat forward on the edge of her seat. She lived every moment with Audrey. When it was over she phoned Audrey. 'I wanted to hate you,' Jean said. 'But I couldn't. I'm glad you got it.'"

What a fantastic three years it has been for Jean Simmons since she left England — a girl bristling with talent, briefly displayed in "Hamlet" and other British pictures. In Hollywood

TEAM OF EIGHT BRIDGE MATCH

Club de Recreo beat YMCA by 101 to 53 International Match points in a team of eight bridge. Tournament match at Recreo last night.

Players for Recreo were: H. J. Remedios and Bob Remedios, A. F. Noronha and L. F. Lemos, I. M. Rodrigues and C. E. Passos, G. F. Remedios and V. A. Vianovich. Players for YMCA: Miss Evans and Mr. Ho, Mr. Hagan and Mr. Petrov, Mrs. Hagedorn and Mr. Jesus, Mr. Cornford and Mr. Hagan.

Guilty—or innocent?

There was a court sequence. The director told Jean: "React as though you are guilty in these scenes. Then we'll shoot them again and you must react as though you are innocent."

"When we know how the story works, out we'll pick the correct reactions for the sequence."

Granger sighed. "But Jean who was through in the end. She has great talent, that one. It was more than a complimentary remark by a husband."

FIRE DOWN BELOW

SITTING on top of a burning hut near a studio-built Maori village, Jack Hawkins and Glynnis J. has watched the flames draw closer. They are appearing in an Empire-minded picture, "The Seekers," about the first white settlers in New Zealand.

For a scene in the film the Maoris set fire to the Hawkins' hut. When the fire was over the producer hurried to ask if the fire had come uncomfortably close.

"I just closed my eyes and tried not to worry," said Miss Johns. "The only thing which disturbed me was the smell of Jack's clothes burning."

BRRI! (U.S.-style) HERMIONE GINGOLD, appearing in Broadway show,



STEWART GRANGER, wearing dark blue sports shirt, pictured in London. Wife Jean Simmons is in Hollywood. Said he: "It broke her heart not being able to come home."

has been examining New York life. She has made one significant discovery. "What we at home call draughts, Americans refer to as cross-ventilation."

FATHER ALEC

IT WAS a strange sight. In a London courtyard a man in the habit of a priest with pancake hat, black cassock, and heavy boots was carefully measuring milk bottles (full).

I peered at the face behind the steel-rimmed spectacles. Then I recognised Alec Guinness. Mr Guinness is up to one of his favourite film tricks of disguising that long, simple face.

This time he is appearing as G. A. Chesieron's detective priest of fiction, Father Brown.

For a film scene Father Brown was dropping milk bottles to deny pursuit by some detectives from Scotland Yard. As the bottles smashed there was a gleam of happiness in Guinness's eyes.

"Always wanted to do this," he said. "Schoolboy incident. Only trouble is the milk has been standing around for six weeks, so no one was in a mood to linger."

London Express Service.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Mr. Fung Ping-fan, O.S.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 47/53, dated November 19, 1953.

Ambulance Duties, Hongkong—22.11.53.—23.11.53. H. H. C. A. Amb. Div.: 22.11.53.—23.11.53. S.C.A.A. Amb. Div.: Nov. 1953: Shaukwan K.F. Sgt. Div.

Ambulance Duties, Kowloon—22.11.53.—23.11.53. Kowloon Amb. Div.: 22.11.53.—23.11.53. Kowloon Amb. Div.: November 1953: Shaukwan K.F. Sgt. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties—22.11.53. Dr. H. K. Chung, Dental F. C. Kwong, A/O Chan Woon-man & Waterloo Nig. Div.: 22.11.53. Dr. To Shau-weng, Dental, Tai Hing-shu, D/S J. Stewart & Waterloo Nig. Div.

Race Duties—21.11.53. Confucian Amb. Div.: (Course), K.C.O.B. Amb. Div.: (11Q).

Orderly Officers, Sub-District Headquarters—21.11.53. Sub-District Headquarters: 21.11.53. K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. Kowloon Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. Mong Kok Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. Shamshuipo Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. Shamshuipo Amb. Div.

Football Duties, Hongkong—21.11.53. 2.45 p.m. Club Ground: Kennedy Town Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. 2.45 p.m. Caroline Hill Ground: S.C.A.A. Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. 2.45 p.m. Caroline Hill Ground: S.C.A.A. Amb. Div.: 21.11.53. 2.45 p.m. Club Ground: Shaukwan K.F. Amb. Div.

Climbing Lion Rock Hill Competition Duty—22.11.53. 9 a.m. at Bus Terminal, Kowloon Tong: Kong Wah Amb. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties, Shamshuipo—21.11.53. Shamshuipo Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. Waterloo Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. Waterloo Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. K.Y.M.C.A. Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. K.Y.M.C.A. Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. Shamshuipo Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. Shamshuipo Nig. Div.: 21.11.53. Waterloo Nig. Div.

Appointments—D/S Wai Man-wai appointed Press Relations Officer of the Brigade, w.e.f. 19.11.53.

Taken On Strength (a) Enlistment Motor Transport Amb. Div.: Fire Wagon Kwong-fai enrolled w.e.f. 12.11.53. Shamshuipo Amb. Div.: Fire Chiu Wai-yuen enrolled w.e.f. 14.11.53.

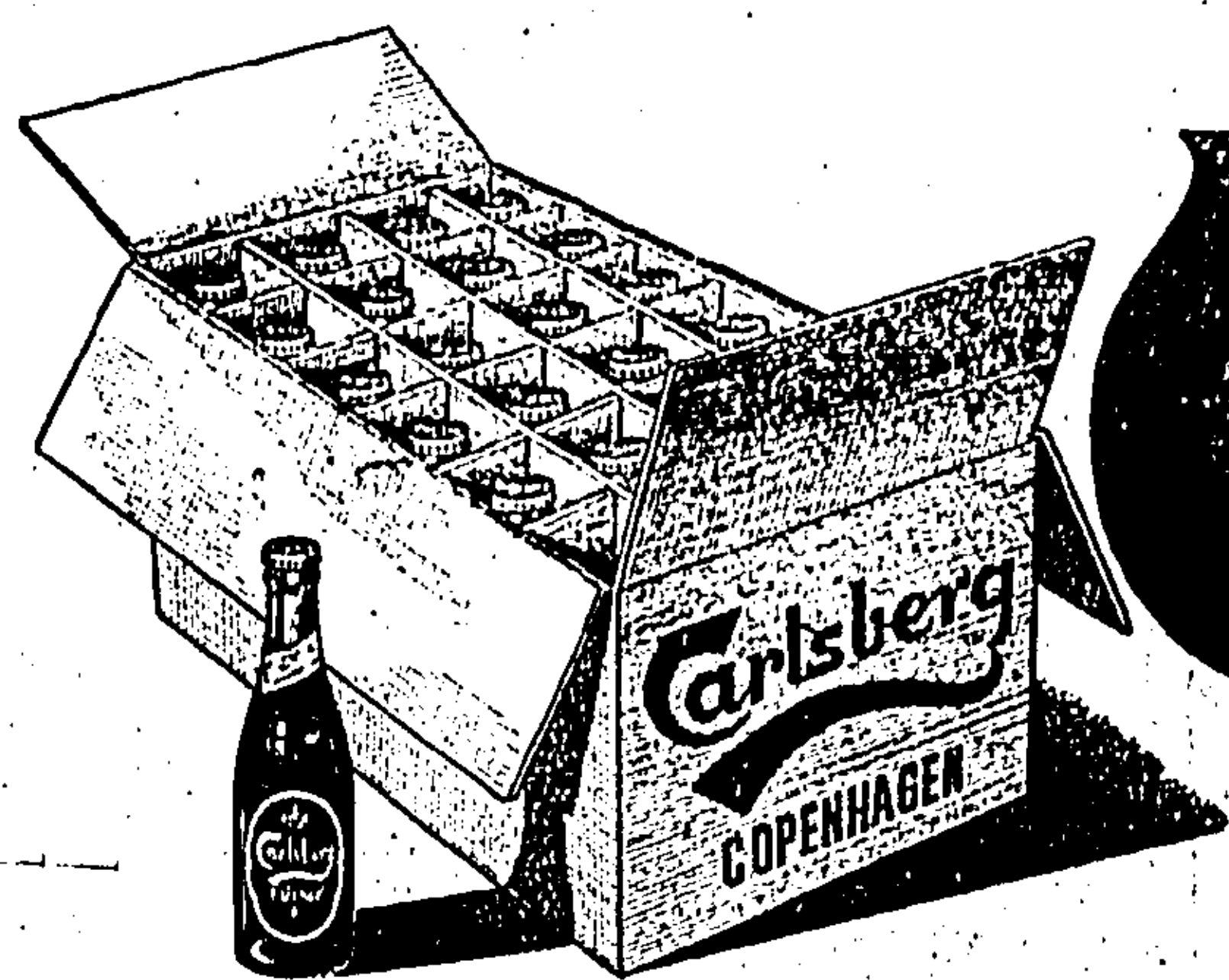
Decrease Of Strength (a) Leave District Supt. Miss L. Poon on sick leave w.e.f. 13.11.53. K.Y.M.C.A. Nig. Div.: D/S So Wai-sau on sick leave w.e.f. 17.10.53. (b) Resignation, Western Dist. Nig. Div.: A/O Au Nohing resigned w.e.f. 20.11.53. Countess Mountbatten Cat. Nig. Div.: Cat. Amb. All resigned w.e.f. 24.10.53. King's College Nig. Div.: A/S Chan Man-wai resigned w.e.f. 10.11.53.

(Sgd.) F. I. TAYLOR, C.S.J., Acting Assistant Commissioner, Administration, Colony Headquarters.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 18.
Joseph Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, which was recently expelled from the American Federation of Labor, resigned from his post today.

Ryan, who had been elected for life, received an annual salary of \$20,000. The union, which Ryan was connected with for 25 years, was expelled from AFL for failing to rid itself of criminal elements.

Ryan announced his decision to a special convention of the union. The delegates then unanimously named him to the same position. Ryan was fined an annual pension of \$10,000.

Francis Press.

Egypt's New National Guard

Commando Training

Cairo, Nov. 18. Thousands of young men, among them civil servants, businessmen, students, and workers are joining Egypt's new National Guard or Home Guard. Many of the recruits have in recent months been undergoing Commando training.

Units, established throughout the country, will be under the direct control of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Abdel Hakim Amer.

Volunteers, between the ages of 17 and 40, will be required to serve for periods of elementary and annual training and in an emergency.

They will be called up for fifteen days' training every year and will be subject to military laws and regulations.

Their salaries and wages during the 15 days' training will be paid by their employers. But if they are required to undergo training for more than 15 days, their further salaries will be borne by the Government.

Volunteers will be indemnified by the Government for injuries or illness during training or while on service.

Maj. Kamel el Din Hussein, a member of the Revolution Council, and Chief of the National Guard, said that every effort was being made to speed up the organization of the force.

THE PURPOSE

"The purpose of a Home Guard," he said, "is to make the nation ready if war comes. In these days of atomic energy, wars will no longer be fought between armies but between armed nations. The people have to rally round the Army and one of their chief tasks is to provide an efficient and well-trained Home Guard as a reserve."

"The British have tried in the past to make us believe that we are not a warrior nation. For a time that was a generally accepted opinion even in Egypt, particularly when military service became a farce through these days of cut-up being able to buy exemption for a few pounds."

"These days have gone. Some time ago we established training camps for commandos. The Home Guard will form these commando volunteers into units which can be called on in time of need."

"The Home Guard will provide a trained reserve at little cost to the Fatherland and when it is completed units all over the country will stand behind the army ready for duty as need arises."

"Every Faculty in our universities will establish a Home Guard unit. Every big secondary school will have a unit. Every industrial centre will have its units."

WOMEN HELPERS

Women are to be allowed to help in the activities of the Home Guard. They will be recruited as nurses and ambulance drivers.

Egypt's new regime has also announced the formation of a Territorial Force which will be regarded as an integral part of the Regular Army.

Side by side with the more intensive and extensive military training of the country's young men, Egypt, according to the Minister of War, Wing-Commander Abdel Latif el Bogdady, is following a policy of arms standardization.

"Arms factories are being established in Egypt and our target is to make ourselves self-sufficient," he said. "A number of factories will shortly start to produce arms. As they come into production they will run at full capacity one after the other."

"These arms factories will help in the industrialization of the country, employ a great number of skilled workers, and will save enormous sums of foreign currencies. They will not only produce arms, but tractors, machinery and sewing machines." — China Mail Special.

The Public And Atomic Warfare

Washington, Nov. 18. President Dwight Eisenhower today said that he had not given up his plan to enlighten the American public about atomic warfare.

He told pressmen that it was, however, a very difficult task since he must avoid giving cause for any cause for undue alarm, on the one hand, and give the facts of the matter as frankly as possible, on the other.

Two months ago, the question of a series of speeches by the President on the dangers of atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons and the steps being considered by the government to avert them, — France Press.

EXPLOSIONS ON TRAIN



One of the wrecked cars of the Algerian express in which seven people were killed and eleven injured when three bombs exploded on the Casablanca-Algeria service just after it had left Rabat. The first bomb went off in the toilet compartment of a first class carriage. As the guard tried to open the door a second explosion occurred. Almost simultaneously another bomb exploded in the toilet compartment of a second class carriage. The crime is believed to be a political one. — London Express.

Belgium Tackles Unemployment Problem

Brussels, Nov. 18.

Belgium is making a strong bid to cut down the number of her unemployed by the creation of nearly 100 schools of "readaptation."

Some 2,000 unemployed, between the ages of 20 and 40, benefit yearly from schools where, under specialised instruction, they can learn 30 different trades, mainly in the house building and textile industries.

The courses, organised by the National Office for Unemployment, last only four and eight months at the longest.

This period, officials stress, is long enough to teach the elements of each trade for the object of the courses is not to turn out fully qualified workers but to give unemployed men a chance to start in a new trade as semi-skilled employees.

The courses satisfy a need which is both urgent and real in Belgium. In spite of the persisting high figure of the country's unemployment, which fluctuates around the 15,000 mark out of a total population of 8,000,000 there is a big shortage of skilled or semi-skilled labour.

Over 30 per cent of the unemployed are unskilled labourers, while another 30 per cent have difficulty in finding work because of their age.

VOLUNTEERS

The courses are aimed at both these groups and to fill the shortages of semi-skilled labour which affects in particular the textile and building industries.

Men attending the courses, of which there are about 800 at a time throughout the country, receive all volunteers. Although there exist whereby any unemployed man can be obliged to attend one of these schools, it has been found that there are always enough volunteers to fill the courses.

During their period of instruction the men receive 4.50 Belgian francs an hour (about 10 pence sterling)—about a quarter of a skilled workman's wage—and at the same time continue to draw an unemployment allowance. All travel expenses to and from the schools are also paid.

At the end of their training they receive a grant in the form of new working clothes and tools and are awarded a position in their new trade. But once they have left the school they receive no further support and are expected to pass the necessary examinations to become qualified specialists in their respective trades. While still apprentices the men are sent out to construction sites of public buildings

where they work alongside regular bricklayers, plumbers and carpenters. Recently a home for former prisoners-of-war and political prisoners of the Nazis was built by some pupils.

FINE APPTITUDE

In spite of criticism at the "naïveté" of the schools' opening nearly six years ago that men aged 40 would have difficulty learning new trades this has been almost entirely disproved.

The aptitude of these men to learn new manual work is often more highly developed than in younger people, officials of the National Office for the Unemployed say.

But industries are not always willing to take on older men who have just learnt the rudiments of a new job and the schools still lack full assurances that these men can be suitably placed at the end of their course.

Schools are only set up when a regional bureau of the unemployment office, in co-operation with trade unions and local management consider it necessary to meet a shortage of manpower in a certain industry.

Courses can be changed rapidly owing to their shortness and to the flexibility of the scheme. The masonry section in the Brussels workshop, which is the country's biggest, is to close down shortly and will be replaced by a course in steel work for the car industry where there is a sudden rise of labour.

Each course is directed by a specialist in the particular branch of industry of which he has charge. The volunteer apprentice, after giving his name to the unemployment office, is sent to see the director of the course he would like to attend or the one which corresponds best with his professional abilities.

He is then interviewed in private by the course director who determines whether he will profit by attending the school. The volunteers are further weeded out during the first few days of their apprenticeship by a series of tests. Altogether 12,000 unemployed have been accepted since the schools' beginning and have taken their place in Belgian industry again. — China Mail Special.

Improvement In UK Rayon Trade

London.

All sections of the UK rayon trade have shared in the improvement in production since the lowest levels of the textile depression, according to Sir William Palmer, chairman of the British Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Federation. In his speech at the annual general meeting, he said that the weak spot is in exports.

The recovery in exports has in general been slower than the recovery in the home trade. Only exports of filament yarn and of staple fibre fabrics are above 1951 levels.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York Nov. 18.

Stocks strengthened today after two consecutive sessions of decline which cut some \$1,000,000,000 from the value of all stocks.

The rally came when President Eisenhower expressed the belief that the budget cannot be balanced in the next Government fiscal year—a prediction seen as an indication of further inflation.

Trading did not expand on the rise however, and at 1,250,000 shares matched yesterday.

Rails did the best percentage with a gain of 35 cents. Oil stocks sharply lower yesterday—gains ranging to 1 1/2 in Amerasia, 3 1/2 point in Cities Service, and losses of around a point each in Standard Oil and Anderson-Pritchard. Automobiles were little changed.

Of 1,080 issues, 442 were higher, 322 lower with 10 new lows set and 6 new highs.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was at \$3,500,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 300,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages:

30 Industrials	274.51
20 rails	96.90
15 utilities	51.31
65 stocks	105.12
40 bonds	97.00
Comm. futures prices	159.46
Index	159.46

—United Press.

London Rubber Market

London, Nov. 18.

The rubber market was very steady with No. 1 RSS quoted at 16 15/16 pence per lb.

Price:	16 15/16
Settlement Spot (Nov. term):	16 15/16
Dec.	16 15/16
Jan./March	16 15/16
April/June	16 15/16
July/Sept.	16 15/16
Cit. basis, port. Dec.	16 15/16
Estate crepe rubber thick unquoted	16 15/16

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS

Rubber futures in New York closed 15 points higher to 49 points lower with sales of \$9 contracts.

Spot No. 1 RSS quoted at 20 1/2 cents per lb. Prices of futures were:	
Mar.	20.40 bid
May	20.40 bid
July	20.40 bid
Sept.	20.40 bid
Dec.	20.40 bid

—United Press.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Nov. 18.

Prices of metal futures closed today as follows: (US cents per lb.)

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THE cry "Time, gentlemen," had been uttered. The barman had draped a dish-cloth over the beer-engine handles as a signal of surrender to the licensing hours. The last of the afternoon drinkers with accusing looks of injured innocence had left the dive bar. The barman left.

The plumber and his mate moved in to do a necessary job. It was just after three o'clock in the afternoon.

A phone call came for the plumber. He went to answer it. His mate, a curly-haired 20-year-old named Tim, was left in the dive bar.

Tim was short of money. He wandered over to inspect the till the barman had been operating. He rang up the key labeled "No sale" and helped himself to £2 from the drawer that jumped open. Then he went back to his work.

EDWARDIAN SUIT

ALL through the afternoon Tim worked conscientiously. At 5.30, his working day ended. He hurried from the public-house to a Changing Cross Road tailor's shop.

"I want a suit," he panted there. "An Edwardian suit, you know the sort of thing, narrow trousers, those special pockets."

The tailor measured him. Tim paid over the £4 he had stolen as a deposit on the wonderful suit. At about the time he handed over the money, the barman in the public-house whence he had stolen it from, discovered his loss.

The police were called. Tim was interviewed and confessed.

A FIREARM

TIM lived with his grandparents, had a room of his own in their home in Westminster.

After his arrest, the police went round there, to see if they could learn anything more about him. In his room they found a bayonet, and a small pistol, a brass-barrelled blunderbuss-like instrument for firing very lights.

So when Tim was brought into the dock at the Clerkenwell court, there was not only the charge of stealing against him, there was also a charge of being in possession of a firearm.

ON LICENCE

HE pleaded guilty to everything. The police said, "There are two findings of guilt against this man, at one conviction."

The findings of guilt, in a juvenile court, were both for stealing. On the first, Tim had been sent to an approved school. Then, convictions, for house-breaking and burglary had taken him to Borstal. He was still on licence from there.

For a year since being released, he had been honest. Then the lending for an Edwardian suit had turned him to crime again.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked him.

"If you could... er... give me a chance... I could go back to work and pay back the money," Tim said with diffident uncertainty.

"I shall remind you so that the Borstal authorities may decide what they want to do to you," said Mr. T. F. Davies, the magistrate. "It seems to me there is a bit streak in you."

DESPERATION

"CAN I have bail?" Tim asked. There was a sort of desperation in his tone. Perhaps he wanted freedom to go out and try on the suit he cherished so.

He was not given bail. His suit presumably still hangs in the tailor's shop. It looked as though it might be some time before he could claim it; and by then, perhaps, the fashion for such clothes would flicky have changed again.

What's Her Line? Solution

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Russia's Offer To
Finland Causes
Speculation

London, Nov. 19. Russia's offer of commercial concessions to Finland may be part of a long-term policy aimed at keeping American troops out of Norway and Denmark, diplomatic observers said here today.

But they said it remained to be seen what Russia was seeking in return for her offers of a financial loan, the convertibility of Finland's rouble surplus into Western currencies and transit rights for Finnish timber along the Saima Canal.

There is some speculation that the offer might be accompanied by demands unacceptable to Finland, the observers thought. They recalled rumours current a year ago that Russia was offering to exchange part of Karelia, including the Saima Canal, which Finland ceded to Russia in 1944 for Finnish territories in the northern province of Leningrad.

The Helsinki Government said such an exchange would be unacceptable.

But a commercial offer with no strings attached, except continuance of Finland's present foreign policy of neutrality, could be expected to meet with a different reception. It was thought here.

CONDITION
(The Russian offer, as quoted by the former Finnish Prime Minister, Mr. Urho Kekkonen, in the Helsinki newspaper Maankanta today, depended on Finland's "continuing to follow a foreign policy in the spirit of the military assistance and friendship pact between the two countries.")

This appeared to be a good-will gesture by which Moscow would hope to impress the Scandinavian countries of her peaceful intentions and thereby strengthen opposition in Norway and Denmark to the stationing of American troops on their soil, the observers said.

The observers pointed out that parts of the offer were in Russia's interest as much as Finland's. Finland's trade had been cleared to Russia by her reparations payments since the war, and her goods had continued to go there after the full figure had been met last year.

LARGE SURPLUS
Since then Finland had accumulated a large surplus and it was clear that if Russia did not make at least some of this convertible, Finnish exports would be diverted to other countries.

In these circumstances, the Soviet offer to pay 14 to 15 per cent of her imports from Finland in Western currencies did not seem particularly generous.

Similarly, Finnish use of the Saima canal, through which more than a quarter of Finland's pre-war timber exports passed, was likely to give Russia an increased revenue in tolls.

The observers pointed out that the Russians had refused to deliver up the possession of the premises. The plaintiffs claimed possession of the premises, messes profits and cesses.

Mr. Bernacchi, opening the case for the plaintiffs, said that the second defendant, a widow and the other defendants were all merchants.

During the Japanese Occupation, the plaintiffs had accepted part of the premises from a Wong Yung-sung, now deceased, who was then trading as Sung Wah Hong. Wong claimed statutory rights to remain in the premises under the proclamation. He died in February, 1951, and a notice to quit was served on November 7, 1952, which expired on December 31, 1952.

WIDOWS CLAIM
Mr. Bernacchi said that letters of administration were granted on April 14, 1953, and the second defendant, a widow of the deceased Wong, claimed that, being a widow of the deceased, she was entitled to the protection as being a dependant residing with the deceased at the time of his death. She also claimed that the other defendants were her sons and relatives.

Counsel said that none of the defendants or the deceased had resided in the premises at the time of the deceased's death and that the premises were used as business premises. That was one of the factual issues of the case. All the defendants were trespassers, Mr. Bernacchi claimed, and the plaintiffs would claim various items.

The Defence, Mr. Bernacchi said, was that during the Japanese Occupation, the plaintiffs had accepted rents from the deceased trading as Sun Wah Hong and had further recognised the tenancy of the premises to the firm on September 5, 1945.

DISPUTE NOTICE
The second defendant also claimed that Wong Yung-sung was the lawful tenant, and at all material times, was the contractual or statutory tenant, he said. The defendants also denied that the notice served to them to quit was a good notice, and claimed that they had received it.

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DISARMAMENT DEADLOCK

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The Disarmament Commission's "This would deprive the Soviet Union of pronouncing its opinion on the proposal being voted on here. The Committee will not be well advised to adopt the proposal without voting on the Soviet amendment," he said.

The Soviet delegate hoped that India would not insist on his proposal.

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Four Feared Killed In Typhoon

Manila, Nov. 19. At least four persons are believed to have been killed and seven northern Luzon provinces devastated by typhoon Cora in the last two days, causing damage to crops and property conservatively estimated at about \$2,000,000.

President Quirino immediately issued an order authorising the release of all available public works funds for relief and immediate repair of roads, bridges and school houses.

Two persons were reported to have perished in floods in Isabela province, and two others drowned in the swollen Agno River in Pangasinan province. Fifty fatalities were registered in Bulacan province where a live wire snapped by strong winds electrified a bakery delivery man.

An unestimated number of houses were blown down or partially destroyed and thousands of people were rendered homeless, France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your first grandson, oh, Mr. Smithers? Well, you still haven't caught up to me—I've got three!"

POSSESSION OF PREMISES CLAIM

An action by William McNeil Ltd., for the possession of No. 6 Stanley Street, ground floor, from six defendants, including a firm, and for mesne profits with costs was brought before Mr. J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.H. Chan. The defendants named were the Sun Wah Hong (firm), Chu Po-kin, woman, Wong Man-ke, Wong Man-ke, Wong Si-yuen and Wong Shook-yuen, and they were represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright and Mr. Patrick Yu, both instructed by Mr. K.F. Wong.

In his statement of claim, the plaintiffs claimed to be the tenants of No. 6 Stanley Street, ground floor, and that the defendants had been and were still occupying the front portion of the ground floor, including the front cubicle, and had refused to deliver up the possession of the premises. The plaintiffs claimed possession of the premises, messes profits and cesses.

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TO FORM NEW PARTY

Paris, Nov. 18. Gaullist Parliamentarians today decided to form a new party following General De Gaulle's statement last week that his Rally of the French People was no longer connected with Parliamentary activities.

Gaullist spokesmen said the new party would continue to oppose the European Army, but they would not be members of the National Assembly (Lower House) "to agree" on a comprehensive resolution at the end of the debate on the European Defence Community on Friday.

The servers agreed, however, it would not affect the attitude of the opponents of the treaty when its ratification was discussed.

In the National Assembly, Gaullists number 70 out of a total membership of 627. In the Council of the Republic (Upper House) they have 49 members out of 320, and in the Constitutive Assembly of the French Union 31 out of 204. Router.

Counsel Levels
More Criticism In
The King Case

On the thirteenth day of his submissions of no case to answer on behalf of James Joseph Osbourne King, a former Director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd. of Union Building, who is charged with fraudulent conversion, Mr. Marcus da Silva, Counsel for King, continued to criticise Mr. M. W. H. Seymour, a Director of Falconer's, for taking out a criminal prosecution against King.

King, merchant, of 20 Braganza Circuit, is charged before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi with having taken the A £400 (HK\$305.94) for the use of his wife, Margaret, in November, 1950 whilst a Director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd. of Union Building, George King, and had filed a statement of defence saying he had always been willing to transfer those shares, if Ipekian was so willing, why was it that when Mr. Arsell (then acting for King) wrote to him two years earlier Ipekian had not expressed this willingness, Mr. Silva asked. It was evident the evidence was rather cut and dried, he declared—Ipekian had added in his statement that the shares were not transferred because King had not tendered. How could King tender asked Counsel, when he did not know the amount that was required?

The hearing is continuing.

Recommencing his submissions this morning, Mr. Silva said that yesterday he had pointed out to the Court that the only reason given by Mr. Seymour for the initiation of the Prosecution was, in his words, "in the best interests of the Company."

Mr. Silva asked the Court to note that this concern for Falconer's "best interests," this taking of such a serious step as a criminal prosecution, was undertaken "you are asked to believe by a man holding one share of the 5,000 in Falconer's, and that one share, I suggest with respect, on his own cross-examination, clearly not paid for but loaned or borrowed from Jimmy King."

Mr. Silva then referred the Court to the record of the shorthand notes of his cross-examination of Mr. Seymour regarding the discussion of the transfer of the share between himself and King, and said the evidence showed that Mr. Seymour had said he "thought" he had paid for it, but could not remember what sum of money he had paid.

HAD HAD LEAVE
Mr. Silva said that Mr. Seymour's answers were an attempt to suggest that Jimmy King was so anxious to go on leave at that time, March, 1950, that he was willing to let Mr. Seymour make him Director of the Company and be in charge of the business during his absence. Counsel pointed out that King had in fact at that time already had his leave and had returned to the Colony in August, 1949.

Referring further to the share transfer instrument, Mr. Silva again cited from the notes of the cross-examination of Mr. Seymour, and said it was obvious that the witness prepared his answers for the cross-examination, knowing before-hand all the allegations being made against him from the petition filed and from Counsel's address to the Court on the question of the relevancy of the cross-examination, by going to the Stamp Office to check the records and also to the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department to check the records there as well.

Such conduct, Mr. Silva declared, was not the conduct of an honest man. "It is typical of Seymour that he is prepared to make the wildest allegations against anyone in order to justify his evidence."

Counsel said that when he tried to bring out that in October, 1952, when Mr. Seymour first went to the Police, there was on the one hand King with 49 per cent of the shares in Falconer's and on the other hand Ipekian with 51 per cent, and he (Seymour) with one share being in the position of a middle-man, it was ridiculous in those circumstances for him to suggest the taking out of a prosecution for alleged fraudulent conversion against a man with 49 per cent share interest in the Company. Mr. Seymour evaded the issue by giving a long rambling story which amounted to nonsense.

Mr. Silva also dealt with the evidence adduced in connection with the stamping of the share transfer instrument, and suggested that the figure of \$10.20 (the equivalent of 21 Sterling, which was the cost of the share) had been inserted by Mr. Seymour after the document had been stamped by the Stamp Office, and was therefore a forgery.

"This is the type of venomous lying that has been adduced for your benefit in this case by the witness, Seymour," declared Mr. Silva.

Counsel went on to quote again from the record of the evidence in order to show, he said, this Prosecution had been brought for an ulterior purpose.

Murder Cases
For Sessions

Three cases of murder are listed in the Criminal Session Calendar for November. The cases for which will be taken by Mr. Justice A.D. Schuler in the Supreme Court tomorrow at 10 a.m. The list follows:
Chan Kau alias Chan Kai; Ho Chung-foon; and Tsang Mok-ill—Murder.
Wong Fui—Three counts of wounding with intent to murder and three alternative counts of wounding with intent.
Tang Shuen—kel.—Throwing corrosive fluid with intent.
Ching Ling (accused from last Session)—Three counts of arson.

Mail
Notices

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Philippines, S. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Friday, November 20
Thailand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 10 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
India-China, 6 p.m.
New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Australia, 6 p.m.
China, Peking, 6.20 a.m.
China, Tientsin, 6.20 a.m.
South America, noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Saturday, November 21
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.

Courtesy Calls
Exchanged

Rear-Admiral G.V. Gladstone, newly appointed Commander of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, and Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, paid a courtesy call on Lt. Comdr. Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, CB, CBE, Commander British Forces, Hongkong, at Flagstaff House this morning.

On arrival Admiral Gladstone accompanied by his Flag Lieutenant (Lt. R. B. Morrison) was met at the gate by his Excellency with his ADC, Captain F. I. Mason. He then inspected the quarter guard of the 27th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RA, who are stationed at Stanley and whose turn it was for Force Guard duty, and was taken to Flagstaff House for refreshments.

Later this morning his Excellency paid a return visit to the Admiralty House, where he was received with full Naval honours and inspected a guard of honour.

Admiral Sails
For Home

Rear-Admiral E.G.A. Clifford, CB, RN, who relinquished his command as Commander of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron and Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, sailed for the United Kingdom in RMS Canton at noon today.

The Admiral, who was accompanied by his personal secretary, Commander J.R. Fenley, RN, was seen off by the Commodore-in-Charge, Hongkong, Commodore A.H. Thorold, OBE, RSC, RN.

Admiral Clifford, who assumed command here in September last year, and whose daughter, Valerie, was born here 13 years ago, expressed regret that he could not spend more of his time in Hongkong as in his future assignments call for his presence here.

Admiral Clifford was Chief of Naval Staff with Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt when he accepted the Japanese surrender in 1945.

PEDESTRIAN
LIGHTS TEST

Pedestrian crossing lights which were installed on the main roads of the Colony recently, were switched on again this morning for their first test, and will come into permanent use next Monday.

The traffic office revealed this morning that a slight flaw marred the functioning of the lights, but this will be corrected before the end of the month. Police Constables will be posted to direct the public during the first few days of the new system.

A fire occurred in the engine of a motor car parked in Lockhart Road at 2.30 a.m. today. It was put out by a fire appliance.